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SUBJECT: AEGEAN TENSIONS

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1. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS IN REFTEL:

A. PREPAREDNESS: IN OUR MONITORING OF SITUATION, ALL
EVIDENCE AVAILABLE SHOWS NO CHANGE FROM NORMAL PATTERN OF
MILITARY ACTIVITY IN WESTERN TURKEY. TWO OFFICERS OF DEFENSE
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ATTACHE OFFICE RECENTLY TOURED THRACE LOOKING FOR SIGNS OF

ABNORMAL ACTIVITY AND FOUND NONE (SEE IR 68980126 74). DAO HAS NO INFORMATION INDICATING STEPPED-UP AIR AND NAVAL PATROLLING OF AEGEAN SO FAR.

B. GOG "LINKAGE" OF ISSUES: FACT THAT GREECE HAS SIMULTANEOUSLY TAKEN TOUGH STAND ON AEGEAN OIL DISPUTE AND STIFFENED ITS ATTITUDE TOWARD CYPRUS HAS MADE GOG SUSPICIOUS THAT GREECE IS LINKING THESE PROBLEMS. TURKS THEMSELVES DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN AEGEAN PROBLEM AS PRIMARILY LEGAL DISPUTE AND CYPRUS AS ISSUE WHICH FOR YEARS HAS HAD POLITICAL CHARACTER. THIS VIEW WAS REFLECTED, WE BELIEVE, IN PRIME MINISTER'S REMARKS APRIL 8 (ANKARA 2681) STATING PREFERENCE FOR SOLVING "ISSUES BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREECE AS TECHNICAL AND LEGAL QUESTIONS BEFORE THEY BECOME POLITICAL PROBLEMS".

C. DEMARCHE: WE CONTINUE TO SEE U.S. DEMARCHE HERE AS UNWARRANTED. FULLER STATEMENT OF VIEWS IS CONTAINED IN ANKARA 2684.
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